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Applicant(s): <b>Simone SUGLIANI, et al.</b>	Attorney Docket No.: <b>P/63988</b>
Application No.: <b>10/554,193</b>	Group Art Unit:
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Title: <b>COUNTER-PUMPED DISTRIBUTED RAMON AMPLIFICATION IN WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEX OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS</b>	

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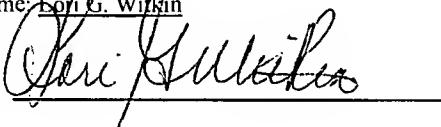
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